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ORR Project No. 35.1709, Estimates of Costs in Rubles to Build
Various Types of Merchant Ships in the USSR.

1. It is recommended that the attached paper be published
as an Intelligence Memorandum.

2. It presents some basic cost factors used by Soviet
planners for estimating costs of a wide variety of non-naval
ships. These estimates of cost appear to apply to the Fifth
Five Year Plan period and may prove quite useful in estimating
Soviet costs of building naval as well as non-naval ships.

3. The paper also presents the implied ruble-dollar ratio
for average size tankers. Comparisons for other types of ships
were not possible because the U.S. has not produced ships in
these other categories in recent years.

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